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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Department of Natural Resources Office of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: Alternate Unit Well

Exceptional Location

R Sand, Reservoir A, SUA

GRAND BAY FIELD

Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. for the calling of a public hearing, after ten (10) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the R RA SUA, located in the Grand Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, created by Office of Conservation Order No. 80-EEE, effective January 7, 1997.

- To designate the Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. GPLD No. A-49 Well (S.N. 078830) located in Section 6, Township 20 South, Range 19 East, in the Grand Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as an alternate unit well at an exceptional location.
- 2. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The present unit well, the Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. - S.L. 335 LP No. 6 Well (S.N. 219506), is currently completed in and producing from the 1 RC SUA and is, therefore, not available for a completion into the R Sand at this time. The designation of the GPLD No. A-49 Well as an alternate unit well, is therefore, necessary and in the interest of conservation to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the R RA SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within such unit.

The R Sand, Reservoir A, in the Grand Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 80-EEE, effective January 7, 1997.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the R RA SUA, the present unit well and the proposed alternate unit well. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, a list of names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom this application is being sent is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list will be provided to any party requesting a copy. A diligent effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties as required by the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Finally there is enclosed our check on behalf of the applicant, Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. in the sum of \$755.00 payable to the Office of Conservation and representing the required hearing application fee.

Sincerely,

LEON E. COMEAUX & ASSOCIATES

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BMJr/cu Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson

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Interested Parties, Interested Owners and Represented Parties

